economical and in the best interest of the Government. Important benefits to DOD agencies would be reduction in expenditures and personnel of the military departments for such functions. Copies of the study will be furnished the using command concerned for timely review and recommendations.

§644.392 Air Force—preliminary report of excess.

The DAF will issue a preliminary real estate disposal directive when a disposal project is forwarded to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Man-power, Reserve Affairs and Logistics) for clearance. (Air Force screens its own properties for other defense requirements and clears the disposal with DOD and the Armed Services Committees of the Congress.) When the preliminary real estate disposal directive is received, the DE, unless directed otherwise, will proceed to perform all necessary actions in coordination with the installation commander concerned, for submission of a preliminary Report of Excess to GSA.

§644.393 Final report of excess to GSA.

Where a preliminary Report of Excess is made to GSA, the DE will promptly finalize the report upon receipt to the final Air Force disposal directive. In all cases where a disposal is reported to the Armed Services Committee, the DE will furnish HQDA (DAEN-REM) advice when the final report is made to GSA. Where the report is finalized by statement confirming a preliminary report as final, copies of the preliminary report and confirming statement should be distributed in accordance with §§ 644.348 through 644.367. Distribution of preliminary Reports of Excess, except to GSA, will not be made in other cases.

§644.394 Protection of disposal information.

To prevent premature disclosure to the public, information on and plans for disposal of all or a portion of an installation should be protected (AR 340– 16), until such time as the property is determined excess to Army or Air Force requirements. (The Air Force preliminary real estate disposal directive is not issued until a determination has been made that the property is excess to Air Force requirements.) After determinations of excess are made, it is desirable that information on the availability of the property for disposal be widely disseminated. "FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY" marking on plans and correspondence pertaining to the excess action may be cancelled by any recipient or holder. Where the classification "CONFIDENTIAL" or higher has been used, documents must be declassified in accordance with AR 380-5.

§ 644.395 Coordination on disposal problems.

If any major change or problem requires a significant revision in the time schedule for disposal, prompt action will be taken to advise offices concerned. HQDA (DAEN-REM) should be promptly informed of any problem adversely affecting a specific disposal project or the overall program for disposal or property.

§ 644.396 Assignment of personnel to administer.

To extent appropriate according to the circumstances and nature of the property, the DE will assign a responsible representative to each installation, or group of installations, to act under his staff supervision in performance of the following functions:

- (a) Monitoring and expediting the actions described in §§644.385 through 644.399 and maintaining close liaison with GSA on disposal problems and actions.
- (b) Monitoring and expediting performance of such demolition, dismantling or other construction work as may be authorized.
- (c) Administration, operation and maintenance of the excess installation until final disposal, making every effort by consolidation of activities and otherwise to reduce the costs consistent with economic management of the facilities.
- (d) Coordination of ultimate transfer of assumed custodial responsibility to other agencies or persons as directed.